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# Don't be absent

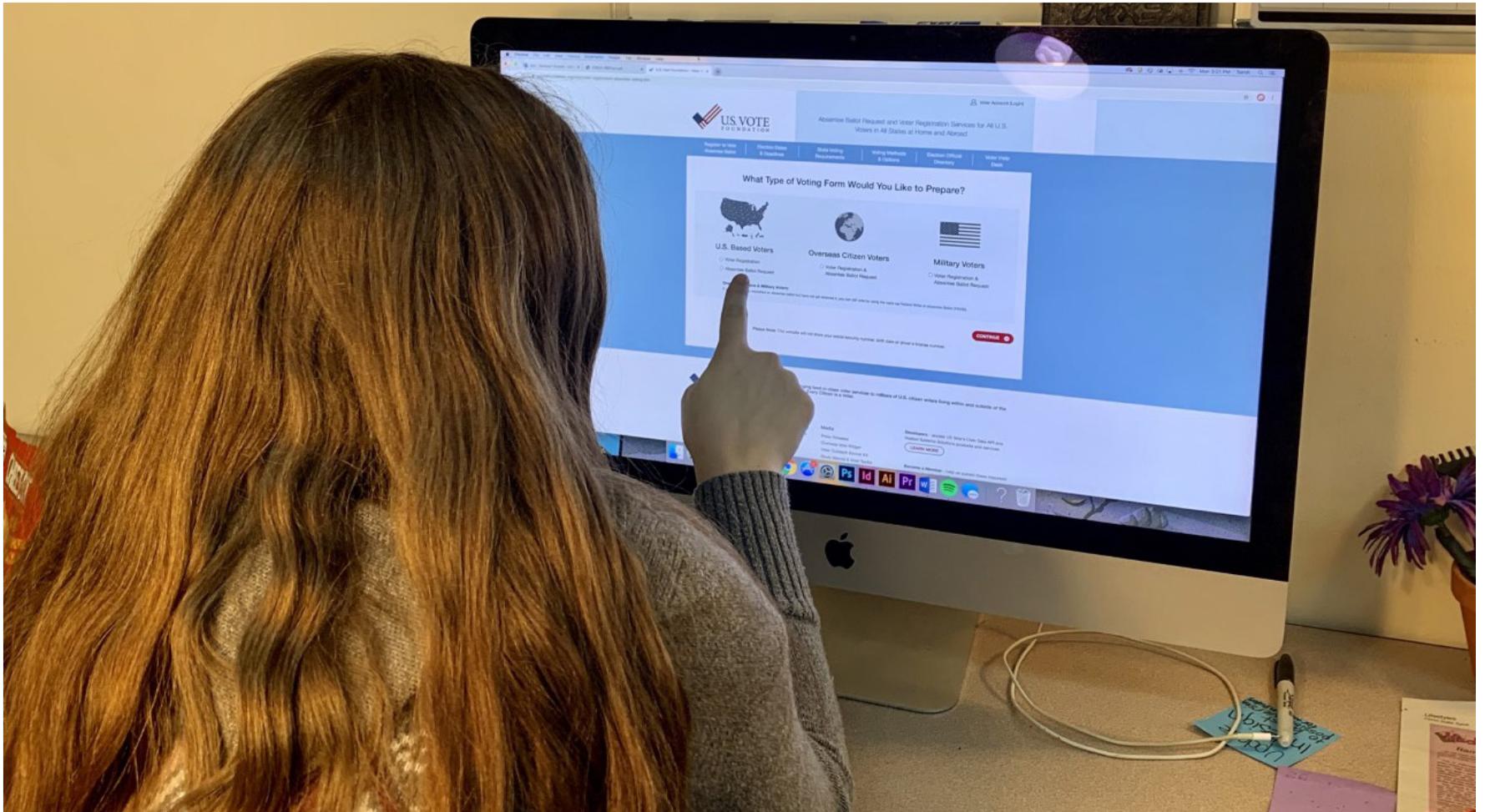


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Students are turning to new ways to register to vote

## How are you voting? COVID-19 is changing the way voting takes place

**Veronica Mascorro**  
Torch Reporter

With the 2020 presidential election coming up many Ferris students are preparing themselves to vote ahead of time.

Since elections typically fall during the school year, many students register to vote in Big Rapids to avoid the drive back home. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, states across the country have changed their regulations and are encouraging now more than ever for people to vote through an absentee ballot.

Back in 2018, 67% of voters approved a constitutional amendment that allowed any Michigan voter to vote by mail through "no-excuse" absentee voting.

Ferris forensics biology freshman Alejandro Garrido-Pacheco wouldn't say that he is actively

involved in politics but still believes it's important to vote.

"I'm registered back at home, but I plan to vote ahead of time with an absentee ballot," said Garrido Pacheco.

The first step to obtaining an absentee ballot is sending in the request for one, which must arrive by 5 p.m. on Oct. 30. or the Friday before any election. However, it is recommended that people submit their request as soon as possible.

This year Michigan sent out absentee applications to any registered voter who has not yet applied for an absentee ballot or signed up to automatically receive an absentee ballot.

A lot of controversy has arisen from absentee voting mainly due to the fear that it may result in voter fraud. However, many studies, like one done by the Brennan Center for Justice in New York, have shown that voter fraud is incredibly rare.

Even experts say it would be easier to impersonate someone at the polls than forge a signature on an absentee ballot.

During the statewide primary, over 800 absentee ballots were rejected not because of voter fraud but because the people who cast these ballots had died before Election Day. Another case where an absentee ballot can be rejected is because they arrived late or because there were issues in verifying the signatures. If a ballot gets rejected due to signature, a clerk will contact the voter and give them the chance to verify the signature in person.

However, not everyone is convinced that mail-in votes are a safe route to take, President Donald Trump suggested postponing the election.

"2020 will be the most INACCURATE & FRAUDULENT Election in history. It will be a great embarrassment to the USA. Delay the election

until people can, properly, securely and safely vote???" Trump said over Twitter.

The change of date could not be approved by the president alone. It would need to be approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate and would require a constitutional amendment to change the dates for swearing in the members of Congress and the new presidential administration. If Congress did agree to delaying the election, President Trump's term would still expire on Jan. 20, 2021 because of the constitution's 20th amendment.

If Election Day remains on Nov. 3, it is likely a large number of votes will be cast through absentee ballots.

Despite the craziness of the world and the effects of COVID-19 people are staying optimistic and trying to keep things positive.

Ferris welding engineering freshman Ian McArthur is still 17 but

will turn 18 before the election. McArthur plans to register the second he turns 18 and vote through an absentee ballot.

"I'm really excited because it will be my first-time voting and because it's such an important election," said McArthur.

The upcoming election will not only decide the next President but also decide the next representatives for the state of Michigan in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Election day is Nov. 3, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who is in line by 8 p.m. is legally allowed to vote. For more information on what is on the ballot students can go look at resources such as ballotpedia.org or vote411.org

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# NEWS

“I like how you can check how you’re feeling from the safety of your dorm without potentially spreading anything to other students.”  
- Cameron Needham - See page 4 for story

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# Greeks against COVID

## How Ferris Greek life plans to thrive during COVID

**Alyssa Hubbard**  
Torch Reporter

Sororities and fraternities at Ferris transitioned their recruitment seasons to online platforms to encourage new membership despite the pandemic.

Most on-campus RSOs have been forced to change their normal routines for the beginning of the semester. Greek life needed to revise how recruitment will function so that it is as safe as possible for everyone. Many sororities have already begun making changes to their recruiting plans.

Ferris dental hygiene junior Julia Sutton is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and her group has developed ways to reach out to possible new members online.

“ZTA and all other panhellenic organizations are sharing the link to sign up for virtual recruitment through social media and there are tables through out campus for people to sign up,” said Sutton. “I know that ZTA is sharing a video for potential new members to learn more about us and then I believe the rest of recruitment is through Zoom.”

Greek organizations are now trying to get even more creative with how they will attract people through virtual environment. They hope to make it feel as interactive and fun online as it would be in person.

“With recruitment being com-

pletely virtual this year, we are really relying on being able to capture the essence of our chapter into the recruitment videos that we are making and focusing on creating quality conversations through Zoom since we can’t be in person” said Ferris social work senior and Delta Zeta sorority president Kylie Pershey.

All the changes Pershey’s sorority made were “in an attempt to protect both our members and those going through recruitment.”

There are about 80-100 people on average who take part in the sorority recruitment weekend. Both Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta sorority members expect a lower number of new members this semester due to COVID-19.

“Nationally, all schools have seen a decline in the number of women that have gone through formal sorority recruitment,” said Pershey. “Part of that is due to less women coming to campus as a result of their classes going online, or because they’re not sure what Greek life can offer in this online format.”

The women of Delta Zeta believe it is still important for girls to attend recruitment and find their future sorority homes because of all the opportunities it brings.

Ferris music and entertainment business senior and Delta Zeta member Lily Snudden says she wanted to join Greek life to grow more friendships and find a group of people with whom she felt a strong belonging.

“I joined [Zeta Tau Alpha] as it gives me a vast amount of oppor-

tunities, such as leadership positions and volunteer work,” said Sutton. “The group of people are very nice, and I bond well with all the girls!”

Sororities continue to expand the methods in which they will conduct their groups virtually. They are currently working on how to host various types of events for the fall semester.

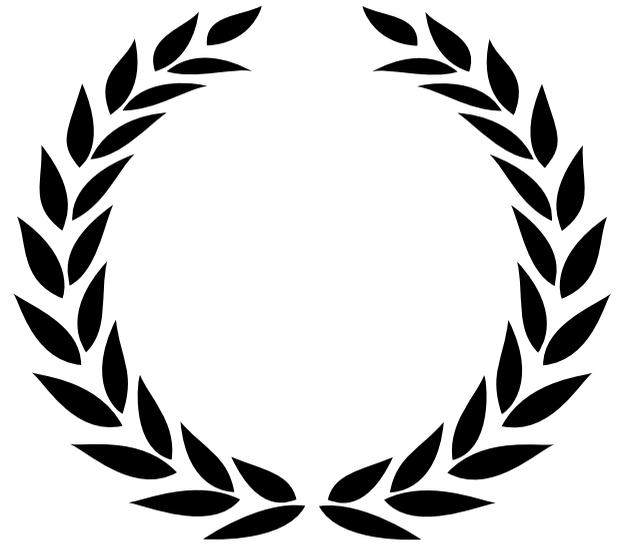
“We’re still able to remotely host chapter meetings, we’re creatively thinking about ways that we can have fundraisers and are still wanting to engage with campus and each other in any way that is safely possible,” said Pershey. “Sometimes this means a sorority wide Netflix watch party online. We’re really trying to find creative ways to still hang out with each other and take the necessary precautions to protect our members and the rest of our community.”



Kylie Pershey



Julia Sutton



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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trent Carlson  
News Editor

## Kenya

One American service member and two civilians were injured when three Somali military officers were killed in a truck bombing in Nairobi on Monday, Sep. 7. The explosion took place around 8 a.m. outside of a military outpost in the Jana Abdalle area. This attack comes just days after the Somali forces, with the aid of the United States military, retook the area from terrorist group Al Shabab.

Original article by Abdi Latif Dahir, Sep. 7, 2020 The New York Times

## Manila

An American Marine who was convicted of killing a transgender woman in the Philippines was pardoned by President Rodrigo Duterte. Officials say the president has shown mercy toward a hate crime. Others say that the president pardoned the Marine in order to stay on good terms with the United States.

Original article by Jason Gutierrez Sep. 7, 2020 The New York Times

## London

The Hammersmith Bridge, a 19th-century suspension bridge that connected Barnes with London was closed last month, leaving stores as well as commuters losing time and money. Store owners in the area have seen huge loses in the amount of costumers. Students in the area are forced to travel two hours both ways to school.

Original article by Mark Landler, Sep. 7, 2020 The New York Times

## Beirut

Rescue teams have been searching for days for survivors of the deadly explosion that devastated a portion of Beirut. Hope was high after a rescue dog named Flash hit on a downed pile of rubble in the city, but no survivors were found and the search for people in the scrap was ended.

Original article by Ben Hubbard, Sep. 7, 2020 The New York Times

# NEWS BRIEFS

Trent Carlson  
News Editor

## Love Like Love

On Tuesday Sep. 8, Love Like Love was kicked off and hosted by LGBTQ+ resource center on the groups Discord server and will be held every two weeks from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the group or the server visit the Ferris State event calendar or contact Sarah Doherty at sarahdoherty@ferris.edu.

## Headphone Disco

On Friday Sep. 11, there will be a headphone disco hosted by Entertainment Unlimited. This will be held outdoors at the North Quad of campus. To RSVP for the headphone disco or for more information on events like this, contact EU@ferris.edu.

## Study Skills 101

Study Skills 101 will be hosted in the science building room 102 Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. The event will be hosted by Alyssa Rosebrugh. For more information on Study skills 101 visit the Ferris event calendar.



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## Corrections

### Big Changes ahead for Bulldogs/ Keeping up with COVID

In last week's issue, an error was made in the attribution of these articles. Big Changes ahead for Bulldogs was actually wrote by reporter Alyssa hubbard, not Hannah McKeen. Keeping up with COVID was wrote by reporter Trevor Kowal and not Alyssa Hubbard.

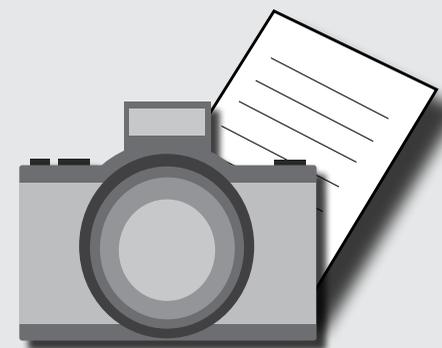
### Summer of 2020 in Big Rapids; It's not a curse

In last week's issue, we mistakenly put in a headshot that we stated was Keegan Wetter, however the photo placed was actually that of his younger brother. We apologize for the confusion caused by this error.

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# Check yourself

## Is the symptom checker enough?

### COVID 19 Symptom Daily Check-in

1. In the last 14 days, have you had close contact\* with someone who was confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19?

\*CDC defines close contact as:

a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 positive OR suspected-positive person for greater than 15 minutes; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing an area or room.

b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).

\*

No Answer     No     Yes\*

2. Within the last 14 days, have you had at least two (2) of the following symptoms (that are NOT related to a chronic health concern or a diagnosed medical condition)?

\* Felt feverish (greater than 100.4 F when temperature actually taken)

\* Cough

\* Shortness of Breath or difficulty breathing

\* Fatigue

\* Muscle or body aches (cause of aches unknown)

\* Headache

Photo from Ferris' Healthy Dog Portal

The COVID-19 Daily Symptom Checker can be accessed from the myFSU homepage or from the Healthy Dog Portal.

**Veronica Mascorro**  
Torch Reporter

As part of a preventative measure to help combat the spread of COVID-19 Ferris has implemented a daily symptom checker to track the well-being of students.

Located on MyFSU, students can log on every day to report how they're feeling. Ferris is encouraging every student, staff and faculty member to complete the symptom checker before coming onto campus.

Ferris applied sciences and engineering freshman Cameron Needham has been one of the students completing the symptom checker every day before he leaves his dorm. Needham talked about how he liked being able to keep himself accountable and how simple the process was.

"I like how you can check how you're feeling from the safety of your dorm without potentially spreading anything to other students," said Needham.

Ferris business administration sophomore Kenneth Smith currently has two in person classes, and on top of his classes he works at the admissions office as a student worker and has been filling out the symptom checker regularly.

Smith expressed that even though it might not stop a student from coming to campus if

they feel sick it might make them second guess their decision and question whether they should go out.

Aside from that, Smith believes the precautions that Ferris has taken have been relatively good, especially when compared to other schools who have had surges of cases.

"I don't think there is much more they can do to help prevent the spread on campus, Smith said. "They have followed all CDC guidelines and implemented all rules they have put forth."

Along with the symptom checker, every student living on campus was required to take a COVID-19 test at check-in. After taking the test students later received an email if they tested negative or a phone call if they tested positive.

Every Thursday, Ferris will be updating its website to show how many students have tested positive for COVID-19. As of Aug. 31, there have only been 19 reported positive cases at the Big Rapids Campus.

Some students wish Ferris was doing more than just this, though. Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Trinity Otting was one of these students.

"I honestly I think everyone should've been tested, especially the people who are going to be living off campus because they're the ones going to the most places and are more at risk," said Otting.

Otting says she has been completing the daily symptom checker

to the best of her ability but will admit that there are times when she forgets to do it. Otting also believes that it's not a sure-fire way to guarantee that students will stay home.

"I know that there are some students who are going to lie about it because they don't want to get in trouble or because they just don't feel like quarantining," Otting said.

When filling out the form, the symptom checker will begin by asking students:

Whether you've been in close contact within the last 14 days of someone confirmed with COVID-19

If you have experienced at least two of the common symptoms related to COVID-19

Based on the answers given from these two, the checker will begin to ask more in-depth questions and recommend whether students should stay home or are safe to go to campus.

All reports sent through the symptom checker are anonymous and is not a substitute for professional medical advice or an official diagnosis.

If students start to experience any symptoms of COVID-19 they can set up an appointment with the Birkham Health Center through the Healthy Dog portal on their MyFSU account.



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# Going Pro

## School-record: Three Ferris grads make NFL opening day rosters

**Noah Poser**  
Editor in Chief

Three former Bulldogs find themselves on NFL rosters after surviving final cuts this past weekend.

Wide receiver Malik Taylor earned himself a spot on the Green Bay Packers roster while former defensive end Zach Sieler made the Miami Dolphins roster. Former star cornerback Tavierre Thomas found himself on the Cleveland Browns roster for the third straight season.

Taylor was one of five wideouts who was looking to earn the fifth spot on the Packers depth chart. This will be Taylor's second season in the league, and he'll have a chance to make a name for himself this year on the Packers' roster which currently isn't strong at the wide receiver position.

Sieler is set to begin his second season in Miami after finishing in South Beach last season. He is one of four defensive tackles on the roster and is expected to have an expanded role this season.

Thomas has made a name for himself on special teams over the course of the last two seasons since joining the Browns in 2018. Thomas has racked up 16 special teams' tackles over the past two seasons, in addition to blocking a field goal and averaging 20.4 yards on kick returns over the 2018-19 seasons. As a special teams' fixture, Thomas will look to improve upon the career-high nine special teams' tackles he registered in 2019.

In addition to these three, two other Bulldogs found their way onto practice squads to open the 2020 NFL season. Former defensive tackle Justin Zimmer snatched a spot on the Buffalo Bills practice squad while former Gene Upshaw Trophy winner Austin Edwards latched on with the Atlanta Falcons after signing with the team as an undrafted free agent back in April.

Zimmer was cut by the Bills in their final cuts before signing a contract to join their practice squad this past Sunday. Zimmer spent last season with the Browns as a teammate to Thomas before signing with the Bills this offseason.

Two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jason Vander Laan was another former Bulldog expected to compete for an active roster spot before he decided to opt out of the 2020 season earlier this summer due to COVID-19 concerns.

Overall, there were seven former Bulldogs that spent time with NFL organizations this offseason when you include former linebacker Brady Sheldon, who was waived by the Cincinnati Bengals earlier this month. This was the most of any NCAA Division II college in the nation.

All these players played critical roles back when they were starring here in Big Rapids and will now look to continue to make names for themselves as pros. For most of them, they have taken the first step, now they just have to continue to capitalize.



## Check yourself for symptoms

Ferris encourages all students living, working or studying on campus to complete a daily health screening, which includes a list of symptoms. Anyone working remotely should also fill out this form.

Take your temperature if you begin developing symptoms. Be aware that medications and exercise could cause fluctuations in temperature.

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# LIFESTYLES

"I feel as though the work we have all put in this past summer has shaped up the chapter to continue to be successful and thrive for the next 10 to 20 years."

- Kyler White - See below for story

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## The bond that will last a lifetime

The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are some of the truest gentlemen to walk the Ferris campus



Photo by: Matthew Miller | Torch Reporter

The SAE house at 116 North Stewart Street.

**Matthew Miller**  
Torch Reporter

Even with social distancing in full effect all over campus, it is still possible to build connections.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of the largest fraternities in the nation. They have initiated over 350,000 members, making their connections run deep across the country. They were founded on March 9, 1856 at the University of Alabama. The local chapter of at Ferris was founded by Bruce Traverse on September 15, 1973.

SAE stands to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, service and brotherhood for their members. The current chapter size at Ferris is 26 brothers. They strive to push each other to be better men in their everyday life and scholars in the classroom.

Ferris Senior Facility Management Major and President of SAE Kyler White is a legacy for the Ferris chapter. White had two uncles that belonged to the chapter he now leads. White said that he joined during his second year at Ferris.

"After being nominated and elected into the role, I was ecstatic to be trusted and given the opportunity to lead and help shaped the chapter for the future," White said. "It has truly been an honor to lead this chapter alongside my fellow executive board members and I feel as though the work we have all put in this past summer has

shaped up the chapter to continue to be successful and thrive for the next 10 to 20 years."

White said that SAE plans to follow all the local, state and national guidelines that are set in place to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though this may be challenging for the chapter, they have worked together to find the best way to survive.



Kyler White

Welding engineering sophomore Jerod Goodale is a second-year member of SAE. He said that one of the favorite parts about the brotherhood is that they are all laid back and chill guys. He said from the start, he felt super comfortable with the members and they welcomed him with open arms. Goodale's greatest memory so far is a trip with a few of his brothers to Canada over New Years. He said that the fraternity has big plans for when everything gets under control with the virus.

"We are going to use this semester as a springboard for the future," Goodale said. "We are going to make sure that we have all of our T's crossed and I's dotted. No distractions with intermural sports or major events like a true Homecoming."

Goodale says that having a good community like SAE will allow a

person to grow. They strive to be true gentleman and he knows that he will always have 30 brothers to back him up. The bonds that he made will last a lifetime and most of the guys will be standing in his wedding one day.

One of the biggest struggles the fraternity faced this past year was the direction they were going to take within their house. The brothers were looking to move off Stewart street, but once they started to move stuff out of the house, they realized that they needed to stay there. The chapter was able to fundraise money to renovate their house. In the end, it made them stronger as a brotherhood and reaffirmed alumni connections that they thought they had lost.

2020 has been referred to as the worst year of many college students' lives to-date. With COVID-19, huge political issues, and now the death of many people's personal favorite superhero, Black Panther, it is looking even dimmer. To many incoming students there isn't much to look forward to this semester, but for the brothers of SAE, they are still finding ways to strengthen their brotherhood.

SAE wants to change the way people look at Greek life. They strive to make ever man into a true gentleman.



Jerod Goodale



Photo provided by SAE

SAE members during Bulldogs in Action 2020



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# Events calendar

## WEDNESDAY

Sept. 9

**BULLDOG BONANZA**  
Location: Virtual  
Time: 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Sept. 10

**ASK FOR A PRIZE**  
Location: North Campus Quad  
Time: 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**TRANSTASTIC! GROUP FOR  
TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY  
STUDENTS**  
Location: Virtual  
Time: 7- 8 p.m.

**TIM MOUSSEAU- REFRAMING THE  
SEXUAL ASSAULT CONVERSATION**  
Location: Zoom  
Time: 7- 8:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Sept. 11

**VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD  
WORKSHOP**  
Location: Zoom  
Time: 1- 2 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Sept. 12

**B1G ALLEYWAY CLEANUP**  
Location: North Quad  
Time: 9- 11 a.m.

## MONDAY

Sept. 14

**QTBIPOC REAL TALK**  
Location: Online  
Time: 6- 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY

Sept. 15

**ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE**  
Location: Zoom  
Time: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**WHAT IS THE LASSI? LEARN-  
ING AND STUDYING STYLES  
INVENTORY**  
Location: Science Building 102  
Time: 11- 11:50 a.m.

**I HOPE WE CHOOSE LOVE:  
READING AND DISCUSSION**  
Location: Zoom  
Time: 7- 8 p.m.

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# September Horoscopes

Marissa Russell  
Lifestyles Editor



**Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22**

Stop trying to find peace in everyone you meet. Try fighting your own demons on your own for once.



**Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

You don't quit at anything you do. People notice this and want to get closer to you because they know you are someone they can trust.



**Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

There are a lot of secrets you are holding onto about yourself and others, and it will make you struggle this month



**Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19**

You will want to not care about work this month and start to slack off because of it. Power through it.



**Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

You let everyone know what you think and because of that, they know where they stand with you at all times.



**Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20**

Take this month to reflect on your life and what is important to you. You may be surprised as to what you find.



**Aries: March 21-April 19**

September will test your strength and endurance. You will find out how much you can handle.



**Taurus: April 20-May 20**

You are always true to yourself and that is what matters, never let anyone change you or your beliefs.



**Gemini: May 21-June 20**

You have a constant battle going on inside yourself between wanting attention and needing your own space



**Cancer: June 21-July 22**

Good things will come to you this month but you may not recognize it right away.



**Leo: July 23-Aug. 22**

You are finally letting the people closest to you in. This shows how much you have grown this year and it lets you finally depend on someone other than yourself.



**Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

You are constantly a yes man for your friends and family. Step out of your box and surprise everyone with your own opinion.



# Big Rapids Bites

## The best places for a Bulldog to eat

**Kendall Rooks**  
Torch Reporter

When you come back to school you may miss home cooked meals. Fast food isn't the same and can get old quickly. Luckily, Big Rapids does have many places to grab a meal to-go, or dine in for a change of scenery.

Many of the restaurants are also local to only Big Rapids and/or surrounding areas. You can find a fresh cooked breakfast, lunch, or dinner anywhere below:

### 1. Schuberg's Bar & Grill:

Schuberg's is an American restaurant known for serving up delicious, juicy burgers. The restaurant is home of "The Big



"Schu", a 12oz burger served

with all the toppings. If you're looking for a good sandwich and a beer, this is the place to be. Don't forget to grab some popcorn to tide yourself over before your meal.

2. Raven Brewing & BBQ: The Raven offers their own house-brewed craft beer as well as Texas style slow-smoked barbecue.

You can choose from huge BBQ plates, pulled pork sandwiches, amazing smokehouse mac & cheese, and more. You can also get jalapeño corn bread as a side.



3. Crankers Restaurant & Brewery: Crankers is a great family-run business. This microbrewery serves all types of locals IPAs and other brews on tap. The restaurant also has breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a wide selection of options.

4. Alamode Cafe: Alamode is only open from 7am to 3pm but it is worth the possible early morning. If you're a breakfast lover, this one's for you. Omelets, pancakes, French toast, and platters. This place really has it all. Let's not forget Alamode also serves mimosas.

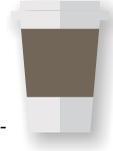
5. El Burrito Loco: Prepare yourself for huge servings and endless chips and salsa, or ask for queso if you're in the mood for something cheesy. El Burrito is known for its authentic Mexican cuisine.



6. Gypsy Nickel Lounge: Gypsy offers a variety of your normal menu items along with unique items all made to order. There is also a wide array of liquor and 15 craft beers on tap. Gypsy has karaoke on Friday and Saturday nights so you

can take your roommates out for a fun weekend. You can also receive a free entree on your birthday.

7. Bernie's Place: For over 43 years Bernie's has been selling fresh-brewed coffee, baked goods, pizza, and sandwiches to the Big Rapids community. They have a huge selection of any kind of donut you could want. They also offer coffee punch cards for frequent customers.



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## TORCH TUNES

### Early 2000's Hits



Kaylin Johnson  
Managing Copy Editor

Early 2000's Pop has got to be one of the all-time greatest genres of music. I mean come on, who doesn't love one of these amazing bops? As a late 90's baby, I may be a bit biased but I honestly can't think of anything I would rather listen to. Give me a good Britney jam or some Jesse McCartney over Cardi B any day.

#### Unwritten - Natasha Bedingfield

*This song is literally my favorite song. How can you not get pumped when listening to this absolutely PERFECT song. This is and always will be my go-to karaoke song. I feel that my life truly is a book that's still unwritten and today is where that book begins.*

#### Fireflies - Owl City

*There is no way you can hear this song and not jam. You may pretend you hated this song, but honestly, we all loved it. I remember listening to this song on repeat in elementary school... and maybe I'm crazy but some days this song is exactly what I need to chill.*

#### Sk8er Boi - Avril Lavigne

*I will never give in to the conspiracy that Avril isn't the same Avril we knew and loved. She is still the queen. But I will agree that Sk8er Boi and What the Hell were definitely her best songs EVER. (even if the story lines didn't make 100% sense..)*

#### Cooler Than Me - Mike Posner

*This song was my sixth-grade jam, but the radio version was definitely the best version in my opinion. What ever happened to Mike Posner after this song? This song was so good, I might have to go looking for some of his other 2000s hits.*

#### Replay - Iyaz

*I will never forget this song. The melody is constantly on replay in my head, as I'm sure Iyaz intended. There is nothing amazing about this song but it was a pretty perfect pop song and is so catchy.*

#### Just the Way You Are - Bruno Mars

*This song is just too good. It really has some good memories attached. Don't lie. This was the song you sang to your junior high crush, wasn't it? And then when Pitch Perfect did the acapella remix of this with Nelly's Just a Dream?? I.C.O.N.I.C. We love a nice 2000s mashup.*

#### Beautiful Soul - Jesse McCartney

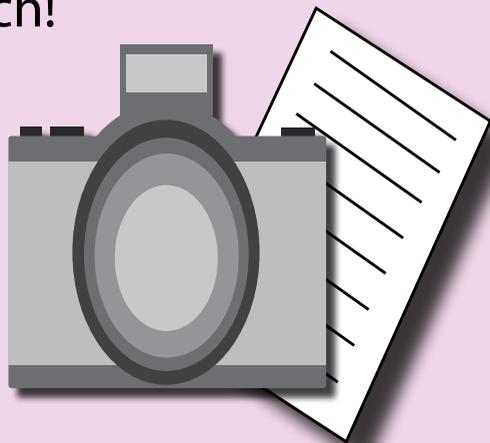
*I still can't listen to this song without scream-singing along with the chorus and I'm pretty sure anyone who can is a robot. My love of Jesse only increased after he came to both Central and Ferris (of course I saw him both times). I can never get enough of Jesse McCartney. Also, honorable mention to Leavin'*

#### Trapped in the Drive-Thru - Weird Al Yankovic

*If you've never heard this song, then please go take 10 minutes out of your day to watch the music video. This is one of my favorite memories of the early 2000s. I don't think this song has ever truly left my mind. You might find me humming it while I work on an assignment.*

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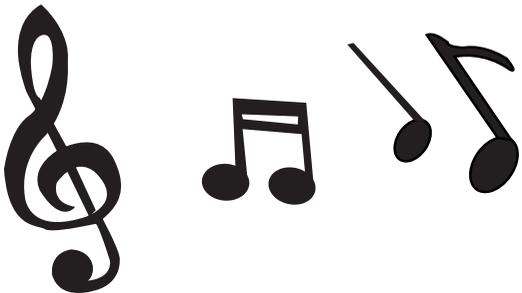
## Jon Bellion Songs



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# TORCH TUNES

Jon Bellion



Brendan Sanders  
 Sports Editor

Jon Bellion has been my favorite artist for the last two years for many reasons. He always utilizes a different style, beat, and instrumental that draws me into listening to his songs over and over. My goal when listening to music is being able to picture.

### Morning in America

This song talks about the insanity that is living in America, the good, the bad, the ugly of growing in this country. The pressure of trying to be successful in front of your peers no matter what may be happening around you. Some people can handle the pressure, other can't, and this song epitomizes how out of control we all seem to be.

### The Internet

This song goes over Bellion's qualms with the internet. One of Jon Bellion's most notable traits is how little of a presence he has on the internet. "Life became dangerous the day we all became famous." is the main lyric to this song. We all now have the ability to let anyone peer into the happenings of our life, which is dangerous since we try to make it seem like we're all living our best life, masking our issues.

### He Is The Same

He Is The Same is the opener for Bellion's best selling album "The Human Condition". Its focus is how fundamentally Bellion is the same despite everything that has happened in his career. As we age I think it's important to see that fundamentally we have personality features that will keep us connected with our friends and family.

### Don't Ask Cuz I Don't Know

The basis of this song is how Bellion has no clue what his plans are in the future. The main lyric of the song saying "I can't even pick out my socks, how can I tell you about my future?" Obviously with how apprehensive the future is with everything going on, having a song like this to attribute to that feeling is somewhat comforting.

### Luxury

This is Bellion's closing song to his mixtape "The Definition" this is another song about growing up and earning fame and wealth. The fears of people trying to take away from your hard work and wealth. How those close to you can keep you on track to being successful.

## SPORTS

"I think we can push aside all the fears and the weirdness, and I think we'll get through it just fine."

- Mark Doren - See page 11 for story

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# Heads held high

*Coach Annese reaches out to football team in emotional response to season postponement*



Photo by: Cora Hall

The Bulldogs will have to wait until 2021 for another chance to claim the programs' first national title

Brody Keiser  
Torch Reporter

For a championship aspiring team like the Bulldogs, the cancellation of a season is a devastating blow.

Ferris football was supposed to take the practice field for the first time this year on Monday, August 10. However, with the NCAA's decision to postpone Division II fall sports, it is unknown when the Bulldogs will get back on the field.

Upon learning of the season's postponement, Ferris football head coach Tony Annese wrote a heartfelt letter to his players. In his letter, Annese stressed that it is more important than ever that the team stick by each other's sides.

"What I need from you guys is to make sure you show love and support toward your teammates," Annese advised his players in his letter. "Check on your teammates and make sure they are ok."

In a COVID-19 infested world, times are tough for everyone. Less social interaction can cause mental health issues. The postponement of football could increase feelings of frustration and sadness his players are already feeling. Annese recognized this and immediately worried about his players. He also acknowledged his own pain.

"I catch myself sometimes in that self-pity mindset and it is not a healthy emotional state," Annese said in his letter. "When I catch myself, I try to reframe my thoughts, but it is not always that simple to do."

Understanding that his players may be upset, Annese stressed that they reach out to someone if they need to talk. He emphasized the need for the Bulldogs to lean on one another and unite during what he described as the "most challenging times" he has faced in his career.

Annese also explained the importance of continuing to live by the Bulldog's core values of Faith, Order, Love, and Discipline. He emphasized that now is not the time to make poor decisions or lose focus on goals and commitment. Most importantly, the team needs Love.

"Trust me, we need to feel love from one another more than ever," Annese said in his letter. "I feel a tremendous amount of love from my assistant coaches and players

and it gives me the confidence that we can make it through this challenging time!"

Annese closed the letter to his players with optimism that the Bulldogs will be back on the field again very soon, playing the game they love and fighting to achieve their goals.

Annese reminded his players that when they do take the field again, they will be playing for their seventh straight playoff season, third straight undefeated season, and 29th consecutive regular season win.

The Bulldogs have a lot to play for when football can resume. Annese built Ferris into one of the most successful Division II football programs in the nation and expectations are high once again for the Bulldogs.

When the Bulldogs take the field again, they look to bring a national championship back to Big Rapids after losing the championship game in 2018 and falling one round short of the finals in 2019.

# I.M. ready to play

## Intramurals bring back hope for Ferris sports

Austin Arquette  
Torch Reporter

For fans of Bulldogs' athletics, Intramural Leagues may be the last hope for sports action during the 2020 season.

Due to the choice to cancel fall sports, Ferris will look to their Intramural Leagues for a chance to see some sort of Ferris athletics. So far, I.M. Leagues have a total of nine sporting events lined up for students to participate in.

There is a plethora of leagues that are being set up to accommodate Ferris sports fans. A constantly growing list of leagues are being activated for various sports.

An I.M. Fantasy Football league is set to start up, with signups closing September 8. There are currently

Sand Volleyball has four leagues being set up for students to compete in. This includes a co-rec, fraternity, sorority, and female league. Sign-ups for each league closes on September 11. The league is currently scheduled from September 15 to September 29. Each team must have a minimum of four players. Co-rec teams must have two female players. These games will be held at the Clark and Merrill/Travis Sand Volleyball courts.

A Euchre tournament will be held September 11 will be played at the Student Recreation Center. Teams of two will play in a tournament with double elimination. Winners will receive an intramural champion t-shirt.

Cornhole leagues are being setup for regulars, fraternity, and sorority players. Signups end September 12. The regular season will begin September 21 and ends October 5 for the regular league and October 12 for the fraternity and sorority leagues.

Four Esports leagues are setup for players to join. This includes two Madden 21 leagues; one leagues for Xbox One play-

ers and one league for PlayStation 4 players. This goes the same for NBA2k21, with leagues set up for both console players. Signups end September 13 and the season runs from September 14 through Thanksgiving.

Tennis will be running six different leagues. These leagues include co-rec, fraternity, Greek co-rec, men's tennis, sorority singles, and women. Team registration ends September 14. The season will run from September 16 to September 30.

There are many other single day events that are also being planned. A Hispanic Heritage 5K will be taking place September 26. A disc golf outing will be held the day before on September 25. On October 14, and home run derby will be held. Students will be able to sign up to each respective event up until the day before.

The Ferris I.M. leagues will try to offer as many sports as available while they continue following COVID-19 protocols for everyone on campus to stay safe and while still having fun together. Just like the rest of the world struggles to fight for some sort of normalcy back in everyone's lives Ferris will look to engage students in sports and activities while still take a guard with safety precautions against the coronavirus pandemic.

Registration is open for I.M. leagues on both the mobile app, which is free to download, and on the Ferris State website under intramural sports.

# Staying hungry

## Ferris tennis teams ready to get back on the court

Brody Keiser  
Torch Reporter

Tennis will not be played at Ferris until at least January.

Like all other Bulldog sports, the tennis season was postponed until 2021 to keep athletes, coaches, and fans safe from COVID-19.

Despite the GLIAC's decision to suspend tennis competitions in 2020, tennis head coach Mark Doren is doing his best to keep his players as engaged in the sport as possible.

"It's tough right now," Doren said. "Basically, all we can do is have team meetings and individual meetings to talk about things."

COVID-19 certainly created different and challenging times for athletic teams. However, tennis naturally allows for social distancing and makes the CDC's guidelines for safe interaction relatively easy to enforce.

"We are lucky that we are a sport that the CDC says is the safest you could play," Doren said. "Even golf is No. 2 to tennis. We're 80 feet apart outdoors."

Because of this, Doren's players can train individually or in small groups. They have kept up with their training when possible, and the head coach was proud of his players for taking the initiative to stay in shape and prepared for the next time they can take the court.

"A lot of the players are getting together on their own, hitting at local parks, and they're trying to keep it up as much as they can," Doren said. "We're just waiting for the different phases of our athletic department's re-entry."

When the Bulldogs re-take the court, Doren has high hopes for their season outlook. He believes Ferris will have the "strongest women's team" that the school has had in years, and he is encouraged

by the health of the men's team this season after last year's team was ravaged by injuries. Now that they are healthy, Doren is excited to show what the team can do.

Before COVID-19 canceled the spring season, the men's team was 2-8 with wins over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana and Rockhurst University from Missouri. The season ended before the Bulldogs played a single conference match.

The men's team had nine matches remaining and both the GLIAC and national tournament were canceled by COVID-19.

"It made for tough times," Doren said. "The men were basically just starting their season. It was tough for everybody, especially the seniors. Mark Doren



Their last season got canceled and they just didn't have it in the cards to come back for another year and use their extra year of eligibility."

The NCAA granted spring sport athletes an extra year of eligibility, but many seniors simply could not make it work to put their post-graduation plans on hold to return to college for another athletic season.

The women's team nearly finished their season before COVID-19 canceled athletics. With only two matches canceled by the virus, the women's team finished their season 11-9, including a 6-3 record in GLIAC play.

Many of Doren's players are in Ferris's Professional Tennis Management (PTM) program and have access to both the indoor and outdoor courts Ferris has available through the PTM program. Other players continue to train on their own or in small groups.

Doren appreciated that his players also worked diligently during the summer to keep themselves in shape. He acknowledged that his international players (especially those from Europe) were not allowed to go outside for a few months but was grateful to learn that they resumed training as soon as they could.

Despite Doren's high hopes for the upcoming season, keeping his players healthy is of paramount importance.

"I hope that we stay safe and healthy; that's the number one priority," Doren said. "Even if we do resume, we know that there will be a battle of some sorts against the virus, but hopefully we can stay safe and healthy and hit the ground running and compete for a GLIAC championship and qualify for the NCAA national championship."

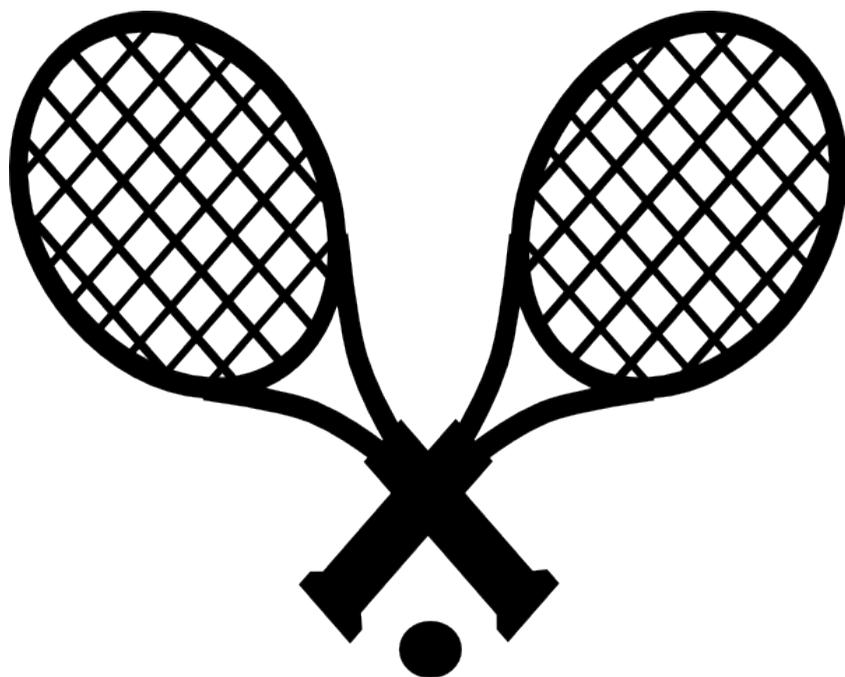
Doren recognized that any season that does occur will be much different from past seasons. Social distancing will impact everyone involved with the teams. The players, who are used to sitting together in meetings and giving hi-fives, will have to practice social distancing.

Through all the mystery and confusion that comes with COVID-19, Doren has remained optimistic.

"As long as we stay positive and stay focused on playing tennis, I think we can push aside all the fears and the weirdness, and I think we'll get through it just fine," Doren said.

Doren and his players are excited to get back on the court and play the game they love, but nothing is guaranteed with COVID-19.

For now, they will have to wait.



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# Athletes are Academics too

## 67 Ferris Student-Athletes Honored for Academic Awards

Austin Arquette and Brendan Sanders  
Torch Reporter and Sports Editor

Being a student-athlete is among the toughest jobs for a young man or woman can do, and doing both successfully is an even bigger accomplishment.

That's what makes the 67 Ferris State athletes who are achieving the Academic Achievement Awards so impressive. The 13th annual Academic Achievement Awards was awarded August 27th to many athletes across the Division II level. This award was created by the Division II Athletic Directors Association (D2ADA).

In order for a student-athlete to receive an Academic Achievement Award, the athletics director of the Division II institution must be a current dues-paying member of the D2 ADA. In addition, the student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work

and been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic year

Over 15,300 student-athletes were recognized with this award across 201 collegiate institutions that were eligible for recognition. This year represented an all-time high for students being recognized for this achievement. The GLIAC had 616 representatives total among seven schools.

"In a year when we can use all of the good news, the D2 ADA Officers and Board of Directors are proud to recognize the highest number of student-athletes with the Academic Achievement Award than ever before," D2ADA President JR Smith said in a D2ADA press release. "The nominations also came from a record number of institutions, showcasing the passion and dedication of our Association and Division II as a whole."

Of the 67 Ferris State athletes that were recognized, the women's soccer team had the most people recognized at 14 athletes, making up nearly 21% of all the Ferris athletes recognized.

Men and Women's Cross Country combined for 10 athletes. Men and Women's basketball combined

for five athletes. Football had four athletes. Women's golf had three athletes. Track and Field had 15 athletes from both men and women. Softball had six athletes. Tennis had four athletes. Volleyball had five athletes.

Approximately 52 of the athletes came from the female sports' teams while the male sports' teams had 15.



## Ferris Academic Achievement Award Winners

Kolin Ghidoni	Men's CC	Sr.	Donis Harris	Men's T&F	Jr.	Bri Rogers	Women's Soccer	Jr.
Aaron Jarema	Men's CC	Jr.	Aaron Jarema	Men's T&F	Jr.	Stephanie Scafaria	Women's Soccer	Jr.
Wes Rackley	Men's CC	Jr.	Wes Rackley	Men's T&F	Jr.	Gabby Teodorescu	Women's Soccer	Jr.
Jennifer Eaton	Women's CC	Jr.	Trevor Roznowski	Men's T&F	Jr.	Tia VanSullichem	Women's Soccer	Sr.
Katie Etelamaki	Women's CC	Sr.	Jennifer Eaton	Women's T&F	Jr.	Brandi Wagner	Women's Soccer	Sr.
Kensington Garvey	Women's CC	Sr.	Amanda Eslinger	Women's T&F	Jr.	Kylie Masko	Softball	Sr.
Katelyn Hutchinson	Women's CC	Jr.	Katie Etelamaki	Women's T&F	Sr.	Paige Kortz	Softball	Jr.
Kylie Hutchinson	Women's CC	Jr.	Allyson Faulkner	Women's T&F	Jr.	Connor Proctor	Softball	Sr.
Abigail Johnson	Women's CC	Jr.	Kensington Garvey	Women's T&F	Jr.	Madison McLeod	Softball	Jr.
Carissa Schurr	Women's CC	Jr.	Katelyn Hutchinson	Women's T&F	Jr.	Sawyer Wightman	Softball	Sr.
Michael Peterson	Men's BB	Jr.	Kylie Hutchinson	Women's T&F	Jr.	Abby Highway	Softball	Sr.
Adrienne Anderson	Women's BB	Jr.	Abigail Johnson	Women's T&F	Jr.	Jackie Kirkpatrick	Softball	Sr.
Shaniya Huggins	Women's BB	Jr.	Carissa Schurr	Women's T&F	Jr.	Pablo Munoz Baroja	Men's Tennis	Sr.
Emilee Kott	Women's BB	Sr.	Kennedy Riebschleger	Women's T&F	Jr.	Cedric Rupa	Men's Tennis	Sr.
Samantha Krauss	Women's BB	Jr.	Kira Budzynski	Women's Soccer	Jr.	Johanna Frye	Women's Tennis	Sr.
Alex Bock	Football	Jr.	Alison Chesterfield	Women's Soccer	Sr.	Silvia Verebes	Women's Tennis	Sr.
Tyler Burch	Football	Jr.	Mackenzie Dawes	Women's Soccer	Jr.	Jackie Beaver	Volleyball	Jr.
Sam Heyboer	Football	Jr.	Maddie Dickens	Women's Soccer	Jr.	Courtney Brewer	Volleyball	Sr.
Travis Russell	Football	Sr.	Maddie Fouts	Women's Soccer	Sr.	Allyson Cappel	Volleyball	Sr.
Margo Brown	Women's Golf	Sr.	Abigail Gilmore	Women's Soccer	Jr.	Lauren Helsen	Volleyball	Sr.
Shayna Schneider	Women's Golf	Sr.	Jenna Hong	Women's Soccer	Sr.	Katie O'Connell	Volleyball	Jr.
Mari Suokko	Women's Golf	Sr.	Morgan Irwin	Women's Soccer	Sr.			
Kolin Ghidoni	Men's T&F	Sr.	Sadie Pettinger	Women's Soccer	Jr.			

# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Virtual Travis Russell takes a practice rep as the Bulldogs prepare for their Division I debut

Photo by: Brendan Sanders | Sports Editor

## Just like the simulations



Brendan Sanders  
Sports Editor

## Ferris football realizes its division one dreams in NCAA 14

### TOP 10 RANKINGS

- 1 CLEMSON
- 2 ALABAMA
- 3 GEORGIA
- 4 OKLAHOMA
- 5 OHIO STATE
- 6 LSU
- 7 MICHIGAN
- 8 FLORIDA
- 9 NOTRE DAME
- 10 TEXAS
- 126 FERRIS STATE

Have you ever wondered: What if Ferris played in the MAC alongside Central and Western Michigan?

Would Ferris get swamped or would they be able to hold their own versus the top-level collegiate competition? Well, with the season on hold until at least January 1, we may finally get an opportunity to try and answer this question using video games.

NCAA Football 14 was a videogame released to PC, Xbox 360, and PlayStation 3 consoles on July 9, 2013. It was the last college football game ever released, making it one of the most revered sports videogames on the market with a google user rating of 97%.

One of the many unique features that this game offers is called Team Builder. This feature allowed the community to create any fictional team you wanted online. You could import any logos, and jersey, and most importantly, any player into a created team. This allowed the game to stay updated throughout the last seven years.

After importing the Bulldogs, many roster changes had to be

made to reflect the 2019-2020 roster. This was the roster that ended the season with a 12-1 record and a national semi-final appearance. This included graduated players such as quarterback Travis Russell, defensive end Austin Edwards, and quarterback Jayru Campbell.

Entering the season as Coach Tony Annese, the team will be running an offense based on the video game's version of Ohio State. The spread option playbook that Ohio State runs is the best virtual comparison to the unique offense that the Bulldogs run weekly.

The defensive playbook will be based on a 4-2-5 scheme that will utilize Ferris' strong defensive backfield and defensive line.

The schedule will give fans a unique chance to see how Ferris would stack up against each of its fellow Michigan schools. After an opening game versus Wyoming, Ferris will then travel to Michigan State. A trip to the Big House is then on the platter with Michigan being game three.

After games against UAB, Miami of Ohio, Ohio University, and Tole-

do, the Bulldogs will then face every other Michigan school in the MAC. Games against Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, and Central Michigan make up the final month of the season along with a game against Northern Illinois.

Virtual ESPN's preseason rankings were not kind to this unknown Ferris State squad, ranking the team dead last in its initial 126 team rankings.

The season will be a full simulation, with full 15-minute quarters and no user input on the game. A week one recap will be available in the September 16 edition of The Torch.

# OPINIONS

“My daughter has been the blessing that saved my life and brought balance to a lot of chaos that was there.”  
- Matthew Miller - See below for story

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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

I have been the editor-in-chief at The Torch for the past year, but now my time in that role is quickly coming to an end.

It has been quite the journey. I went from being a freshman sports reporter to running the entire paper as a sophomore. With that move came a whole lot of responsibility, a lot of which I wasn't all that ready for in hindsight.

However, I persevered and tried to make the most of it, and while there were plenty of bumps along the way I will always remember this experience in a positive light.

Whether it be the staff meetings every Wednesday, or the grueling process of production on Monday into the early hours of Tuesday morning, there was never a dull moment. This was a full-time job no doubt about it. I struggled mightily with the different aspects on many occasions. There were many nights when I questioned if I was cut out for the job.

And yet, I loved this job. It taught me so many things I will carry with me the rest of my life. It taught me how to problem solve.

There was never a time we as a staff met a problem in the office that couldn't be fixed, regardless of how long it took to think of a solution.

This job also taught me how to adapt on the fly. A lot of times with a job like this, things just pop up out of the blue, and because of this I now know how to deal with this type of random stuff happening in everyday life.

Most importantly, this job taught me how to be confident. When running the paper, I had to be assertive at times. Before this job, I had no such ability. I was a meek, quiet guy who didn't like to oppose anyone, but I quickly realized that there's a balance you must have when in charge and it ultimately taught me to be confident in each action I take in and outside of the office.

Holding this position for this newspaper has been an honor. Holding this position has given me so many opportunities that I will cherish forever. This job has allowed me to meet many new people and it has even allowed me to make some of the best

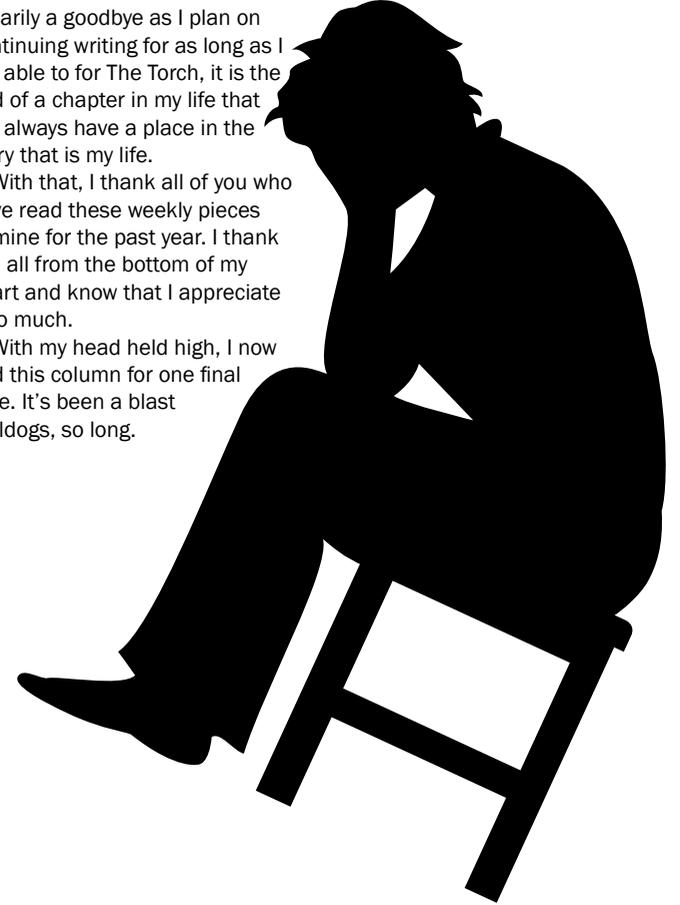
## Looking Back

friends that I have in my life.

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity this job presented me with. And while this isn't necessarily a goodbye as I plan on continuing writing for as long as I am able to for The Torch, it is the end of a chapter in my life that will always have a place in the story that is my life.

With that, I thank all of you who have read these weekly pieces of mine for the past year. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and know that I appreciate it so much.

With my head held high, I now end this column for one final time. It's been a blast Bulldogs, so long.



## Finding the balance

When you are a young adult in college, big life changes are going to happen



Matthew Miller  
Torch Reporter

Everyone is here at Ferris trying to find the perfect balance between school, social life and work.

Now some of us won't have to worry about work or others don't care about a social life because we are introverts or gamers who won't see the light of day for weeks. Imagine for one minute that you had to throw one more thing into that mix. This is not something that is to be taken lightly either because depending on how you look at it, it could destroy your whole world.

A baby.

Now, everyone will have their own opinion on if you're too young to have a baby. I'll be honest and say that this was unexpected. But I am pro-life, and my daughter has been the blessing that saved my life and brought balance to a lot of

chaos that was there.

There are two key components in being about to find a balance of having a baby and being in college. The first one is having a fantastic partner that will work with you and also have you work with them. I am lucky enough to have my fiancée, Stacey Jacobs. Next is understanding that life isn't the same anymore.

Having a partner is awesome and honestly the only reason I am able to stay in college to finish my degree. She is in college as well. We both work full time jobs, go to school full time, still have a social life and are able to take care of our baby.

The sad truth of the matter is that we don't get to see each other a lot of the time. Only for little spurts throughout the day. A nice thing about COVID-19 is that

a lot of our classes are online. We are able to be at home and take turns watching our daughter to make sure she won't get into trouble. Even though she is only 7 months old now, you have to have a constant eye on her.

We do still have a social life and we believe that this is the most important part of our relationship and where most of our understanding comes from as well.

We are both a part of Greek organizations on campus, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Tau. We have brothers and sisters in these organization that still love to see us and spend time with us. Our rule for each other is that we both get one night a week to do whatever we want with our friends, while the other stays home with our daughter. Most of the time we find a babysitter

though and go out together. We are still making memories of our college life together.

When you finally learn that it is not all about the party life and focus on family life is when your maturity starts to grow. This is defiantly a take that will happen when you have a child, but it is not all lost.

It is all very possible to find the balance and be able to do it all as a parent in college. You shouldn't have a reason to think that your life is over. You will always be able to pull through anything life may give you.

# Sports shall go on

## COVID-19 will not destroy the sports world



Austin Arquette  
Torch Reporter

While the year hasn't been what most expected, sports fans are having to turn to drastic measures so their love of sports can stay alive.

As many sports saw their season come to an end rather quickly at the start of COVID-19. The pandemic began to take over the world and it became known that the sporting world was going to take a dive for a few short months. While reruns became a huge counterpart to maintain a sport atmosphere it showed quickly that those reruns would not be enough to suffice the need for live sports in the world. Some fans coped with the stress of having no sports other than reruns and watching new documentaries made like the "Last Dance." However, that was only one-way sports were kept alive and the need became more and more for live sports to come back.

Others turned to more creative measures as they engaged into Madden games and created the seasons on the video games as that was the only available option for a while during the pandemic. Esports has made the most out of the coronavirus pandemic as it pushed for more focus on the specific sports as for the time they are the most safe yet still entertaining way for gamers and sports fans to enjoy the time that they have.

Professional sports such as Nascar, Major League Baseball, and the National Basketball Association all had their own ways

to take on the pandemic in order to keep their seasons alive. Nascar continued the season while not allowing any fans to their races. Both the MLB and NBA also had a no fans rule; however, the NBA went a step further in how they handled the safety and protection of their players, teams, and staff members. The NBA and Disney created a "bubble" in Orlando, Florida for the continuation of the NBA regular season and the NBA playoffs.

Even the National Football League took their own precautions in order to save their 2020 season. While the NFL did cancel the preseason games and held more strict training camps over the summer. They are still in hopes to start the regular scheduled football season on Thursday, Sept. 10 when the defending super bowl champions take on the Houston Texans. The regular NFL season will look different in the fan base than other sports because of the size of stadiums; some NFL teams are looking to minimize the number of fans allowed rather than not allow them at all.

While the sports world was hit by this pandemic, just like everything else, was in the world, it will take a lot more than COVID-19 to end the sports world's run.

# Toxic social media

## Why I limit my activity on social media



Brendan Sanders  
Sports Editor

I am finally reappearing from under my rock that is Lowell, Michigan, and I finally feel like I am getting a breath of fresh air.

For months on end, I have been working from my home, with the only contact being a few close friends from high school and the world of social media. And wow, am I glad that I am not going back to that.

There is something addicting to getting information as soon as it is presented to you. You get the raw information and can form your own thoughts and opinions without mainstream media presenting a spin or a censored view of an event.

It is obvious that these platforms have vast negatives that mute many of the positives of raw social media.

My issue begins with Twitter. The fact that you can say whatever you want with little consequences can be infuriating. You get 240 characters to say some of the most whatever you want no matter how

evil it can be. Guess what, if you do not want your friends and family to see your disgusting side, just put a fake username on a burner and boom, you have no repercussions.

Too many of these accounts are made, putting out false information that can create issues for millions of people. You should always have to put your name on any statements you make online. This would stop the rampant spread of rumors and misinformation that happens on Twitter.

Facebook is a political cesspool, where generations can clash at any moment. I have seen families get torn apart because one person gets offended by another's political beliefs. If you are willing to end contact with a family member or friend in the comment section of a Facebook post, you need to assess your communication skills. Many people hide behind their screen even on Facebook and cannot dare to say their thoughts to the people their speaking to in person.

One last thing I have seen that I would like to see change in the social media is the amount of people trying to control others through public attacks. People that are willing to throw others under the bus just to get a little bit of approval from a group of people on the internet! You can see this clearly in these community chatter groups that towns run on Facebook. I have seen a moment where business owners are more than willing to throw one another under the bus for the entire town to see.

For me, it is frustrating to be around so many toxic people online. Being around these communities for six months straight has made me grow an affinity for leaving these platforms entirely. It is safer to do my job in the public eye without the temptation of potentially doing something that could ruin my reputation in a momentary anger replying to someone's bait.



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